

Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan
Advisory Committee
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“Institutions with a role in bicycle and pedestrian accommodation include state, regional, and local entities. Each entity has established policies and processes. Bicycle and pedestrian considerations are institutionalized once they are automatically included in all plans policies, and projects. However, **institutionalization doesn't just happen, it takes a well thought out plan that may require years to implement.** It requires both internal work by staff and external work by bicycling advocates.

The intent is to change bicycling and walking from being perceived as "alternative" activities to being treated as "mainstream" activities by including them in documents used by decision makers. The policies, plans, and processes that guide institutions are constantly being revised and updated. This is the ideal time to make changes that begin to **institutionalize bicyclist and pedestrian considerations.**” - Pedestrian & Bicycle Information Center

What this is NOT

This is not an endeavor to identify every missing sign or broken sidewalk. It is not a nitty-gritty detailed plan. It is also not a plan to put sidewalks on highways through fields. It works in harmony with, not against, existing city plans.

What this WILL BE

This will be a plan to “institutionalize bicyclist and pedestrian considerations”, so that decisions made at all levels (regional or local) will routinely consider bicyclist and pedestrian needs.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Process

Phase 1 – Community Vision and Goals, including Performance Criteria

Phase 2 – Existing Infrastructure Inventory and Use

Phase 3 – Identify and Prioritize Ways to Improve

Phase 4 – Identify Recommended Changes to Planning, Design and Agency Policies

Phase 5 – Engineering Design Principles and Procedures Established

Phase 6 – Publish Plan

The Five Essential Elements (5 E's)

Engineering: Creating safe and convenient places to walk, ride, and park.

Education: Giving people of all ages and abilities the skills and confidence to ride and walk.

Encouragement: Creating a strong bicycle and pedestrian culture that welcomes and celebrates bicycling and walking.

Enforcement: Ensuring safe roads for all users.

Evaluation and Planning: Planning for bicycling, pedestrian, and other means of transportation as safe and viable transportation options.

